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Title: FAILURE DETECTION SYSTEM, FAILURE DETECTION
METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 54 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings- 21 sheets of drawings containing 26 figures (Figures 1-26).
3. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 5 documents attached.

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-378195, filed November 7, 2003.

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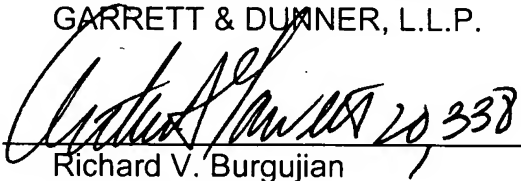
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